Minutes of the City of Frederick Mayor and Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting

September 3, 2020 7:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting

- I. Mayor Michael O'Connor presided. Participating were Aldermen Kelly Russell, Derek Shackelford, Roger Wilson and Ben MacShane and Alderwoman Donna Kuzemchak. Also participating were City Attorney Saundra Nickols and Legislative Clerk Phyllis Hane.
- II. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. There was no invocation.
- IV. The Mayor presented a proclamation in honor of Patriot Day.
- V. The minutes of the August 6, 2020 Virtual Public Meeting were previously distributed. On a motion made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Wilson the Board voted 4-0, with Alderwoman Kuzemchak abstained, to approve the minutes.
- VI. There were no closed meetings to report.
- VII. The Mayor noted the upcoming Labor Day holiday and reflected that at Memorial Day and Fourth of July he wouldn't have expected to be still meeting virtually at Labor Day. In honor of the holiday he expressed appreciation for the City workforce and their efforts to carry on through the ongoing state of emergency, as well as for all those who labor.
- VIII. During Aldermanic comments, Alderwoman Kuzemchak and several of her colleagues wished a happy birthday to her housemate, Monica.

Alderman Russell reminded everyone of Car Free Day on September 22 and provided the web address at which they can register.

Alderman Shackelford sent thoughts and prayers to the family of Jeremy Arias, a Frederick News Post reporter who recently passed away.

- IX. Public comments were received.
- X. There were no consent agenda items.
- XI. Public Hearing
 - 1. On a motion made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Wilson the Board approved 5-0 a Public Art Donation Agreement with Downtown Frederick Partnership, Inc. to accept an installed art piece at Carroll Creek Linear Park. There were no public comments.
 - 2. On a motion made by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderwoman Kuzemchak the

Board approved 5-0 a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fraternal Order of Police, Francis Scott Key Lodge #91, concerning alternative works arrangements. There were no public comments.

- XII. There were no appointments.
- XIII. During Aldermanic comments and new business, Alderwoman Kuzemchak reminded everyone the ongoing Art in the Park online auction finishes tomorrow.
- XIV. The Mayor reminded everyone to be safe over the holiday weekend and to continue to wear a mask, noting there has been an uptick in cases following recent holidays. He went on to share his recent participation in the opening of the first recovery high school in Frederick County. He commented this is part of an important shift in how we view addiction and recovery. He also noted the lights at City Hall are purple in support of recovery month.
- XV. There were no committee reports.
- XVI. There were no director reports.
- XVII. There were no additional public comments.

There being no further official business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Hane Legislative Clerk